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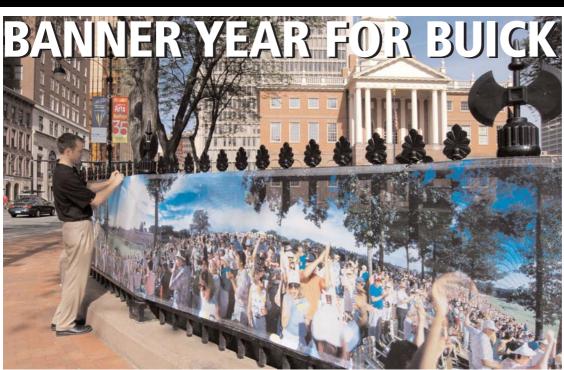
Buick Championship

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HIGHLIGHTS: Downtown 19th Hole Countdown Week Downtown Mural Events Update



Tournament Director Nathan Grube helps set up 500' panoramic banner mural.

Street Re-dedicated, 500' Panoramic Mural Unveiled & \$100,000 in Community Grants.

Mayor Eddie Perez and Buick Championship officials re-named 'Central Row' in downtown Hartford—to 'Champions Row' in honor of the 2006 Buick Championship. Mayor Perez also teed it up in a closest to the pin contest on the east lawn of Old State House.

The name changing ceremony 2006 kicked off "Countdown to the Championship" Week, June 19-23, at the Old State House in downtown



Good Sign: Mayor Perez and 2006 Chairman Brad Babbitt

Hartford. The Drum Line from Hartford Fox Middle School performed. The Greater Hartford Jaycees Foundation distributed \$100,000 in community grants.

The Buick

Championship also unveiled a 500' panoramic mural encircling the Old State House.

Events Update:

June 19 - 23

"Countdown"
Week at the
Old State House

- Live Music
- Closest-to-the-Pin & Putting Contests
- Prizes

June 26

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Opening Ceremonies, TPC

- Air National Guard Flyover
- Governor M. Jodi Rell

June 27

Family Day, TPC

- Dan Boever Show
- Celebrity "Long Drive Contest
- Unveiling of UCONN Husky Trail
- Buick "Hole In One"
 Fan Shootout
- Shops at Mohegan
 Sun Fashion Show

19TH Hole OPENS IN DOWNTOWN HARTFORD

Buick Championship officials welcomes the public to "Countdown To The Championship"—a week-long community event at the Old State House.

The historic Old State House, one of the nation's oldest state houses, will be the Tournament's official home in downtown Hartford—its 19th Hole. The Buick Championship has teamed up with the Old State House, The First Tee of Connecticut and Clearchannel to host noon-time music, golf clinics and even closest to the pin contests right in the heart of downtown Hartford, everyday 11:30 am to 1 pm during the week.

Public Welcomed To Neighborhood Kick-Off

City groups are throwing out the welcome mat to the Buick Championship

"We're throwing out the welcome mat to the PGA TOUR. South Hartford will be dressed up with Buick Championship posters in storefronts and our first annual neighborhood Cigar and Scotch Social to help give the Tournament a proper kickoff," said Paul Mozzicato, Co-President, and South Hartford Community Alliance.

The Cigar and Scotch Social, in partnership with the 2006 Buick Championship and South Hartford Community Alliance, is Tuesday, June 27, starting at 6 pm at Carbone's Ristorante (under the tent). Limited seating is available (tickets are \$100 per person) so call soon to reserve space—860-296-9646.